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FOR AMB. BUFFUM FROM ASST. SECRETARY COOPER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: WHO ASSESSMENT

REF: STATE 113058

1. I HAVE READ REFTEL AND THE DELEGATION HAS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH FURTH AND HIS STAFF. I AM AS ANXIOUS AS YOU ARE THAT WE CONFORM TO THE WILL OF THE GONGRESS AND LIMIT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO 25 PERCENT. AT THE SAME TIME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FINANCIAL PRESSURES ON THE AGENCY AND THE GOOD WORK WE THINK MAHLER IS DOING, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY CURRENTLY RIGHT UP TO THE LEVEL OF 25 PERCENT.

2. IF I UNDERSTAND REFTEL CORRECTLY, AND I HOPE I'M WRONG, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO CALCULATE OUR 25 PERCENT FOR 1975, 76 AND 77 IN A MANNER IN WHICH, THE ORGANIZATION CLAIMS, WILL RESULT IN OUR PAYING AT A RATE OF LESS THAN 25 PERCENT UNLESS THEY BILL US AT 25 PERCENT. I THINK IT IS AS UNREALISTIC TO ASK THE AGENCY TO CHANGE ITS BILLING TO 25 PERCENT AS IT WOULD BE FOR THEM TO ASK US TO INCREASE OUR CONTRIBUTION BEYOND 25 PERCENT. I HOPE WE CAN WORK OUT WITH WHO WHAT AMOUNT IS REPRESENTED BY 1 OUT OF EVERY 4 DOLLARS THEY LEVY IN ASSESSMENTS.

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3. I DON'T PROPOSE TO SET FORTH HERE THE DETAILED

INFORMAL CALCULATIONS WHICH FURTH HAS PREPARED FOR US. THEY ARE BEING MAILED TO BILL WALSH IN IO/HDC. TO SUM UP, HOWEVER, THEIR POSITION IS THAT OUR ASSESSEMTN FOR 1974 AT 25 PERCENT WOULD HAVE TOTALED \$27,249,880 AND THAT THE PAYMENT OF \$26,802,332 ACTUALLY MADE BY US REPRESENTS A PAYMENT AT 24.59 PERCENT. IF, AS I HOPE WILL NOT BE THE CASE, WE PERSIST CALCULATING FOR 75 AND 76 AS WE DID FOR 74 THEN ACCORDING TO THEM WE WILL BE CONTRIBUTING AT A RATE OF 24.92 PERCENT AND 24.93 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY RATHER THAN AT THE 25 PERCENT MANDATED BY CONGRESS.

4. I RECOGNIZE THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR 1974 ASSESSMENT (WHICH APPROXIMATES A HALF MILLION DOLLARS) THESE AMOUNTS ARE SMALL. I REALIZE TOO THAT THERE IS AN INTENTION OF REPAYING OUR ARREARS WHEN THE ORGANIZATION REACHES 25 PERCENT. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD GET TOGETHER WITH THE ORGANIZATION, RECALCULATE IN GOOD FAITH AND ENSURE THAT WHILE WE COULD NOT PAY OVER 25 PERCENT WE ARE ASSIDUOUS IN PAYING UP TO THAT LEVEL. DALE

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